



The Alameda Urban Village

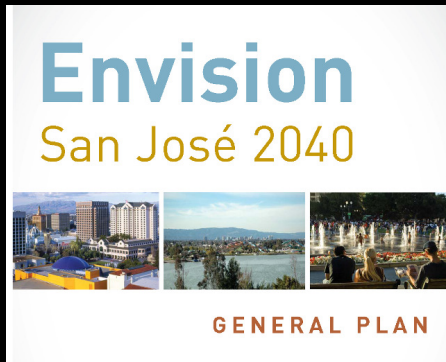
Planning Workshop #2

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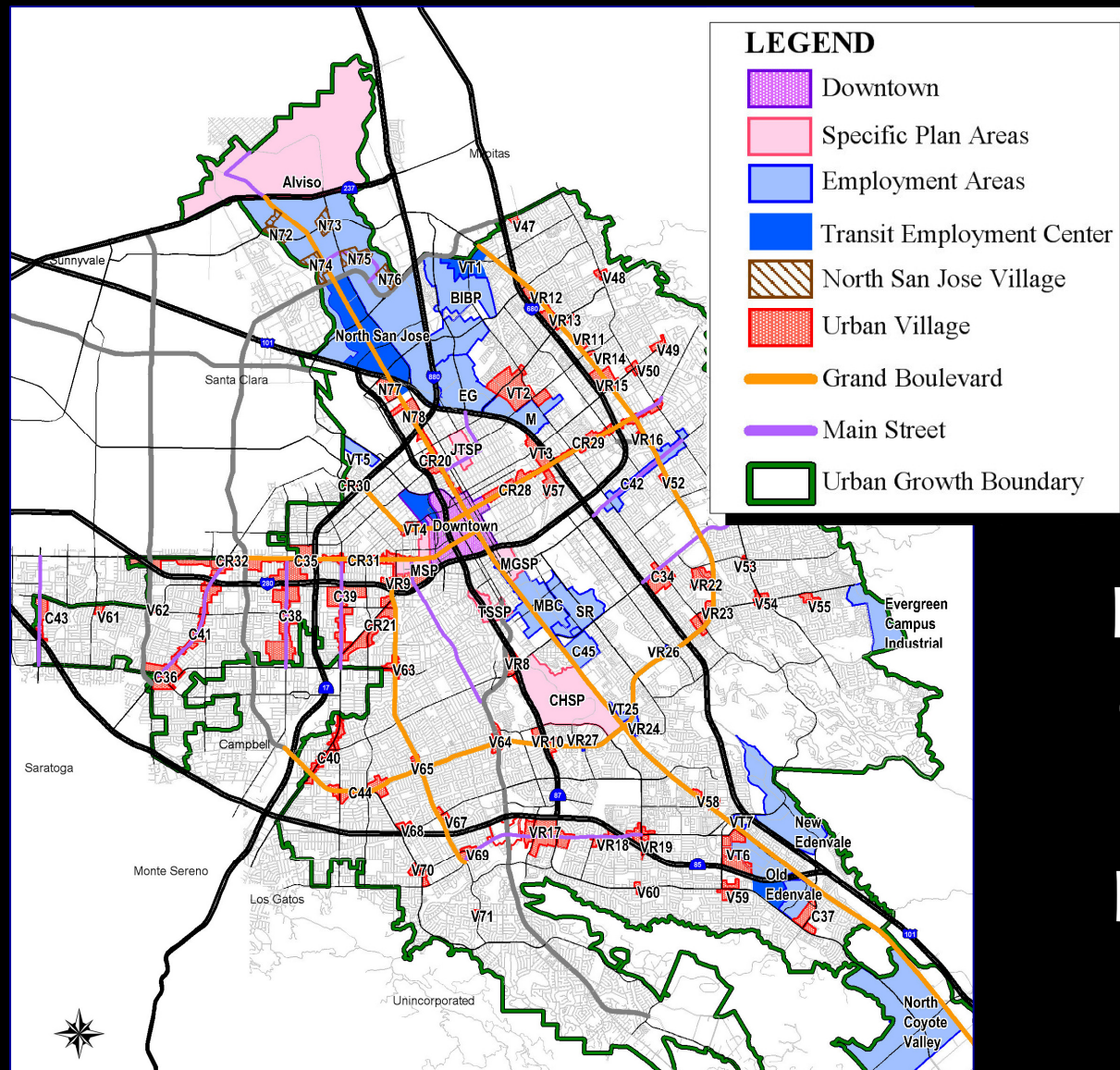
A City of Urban Villages



Envision San Jose 2040 Plan Major Strategies:

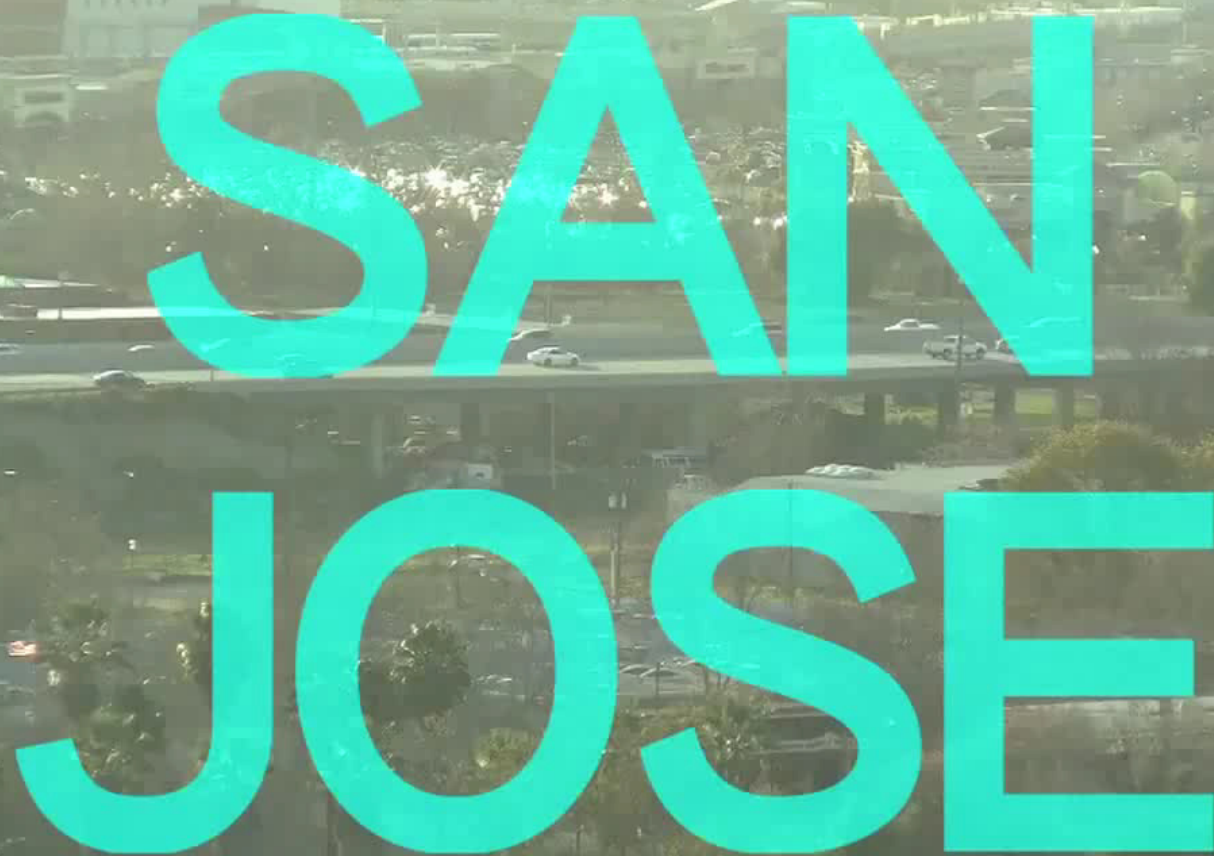
- Community Based Planning
 - Form Based Plan
 - Focused Growth
 - Innovation/Regional Employment Center
 - **Urban Villages**▶
 - Streetscapes for People
 - Sustainability/Environmental Stewardship
 - Fiscally Strong City
 - Destination Downtown
 - Life Amidst Abundant Natural Resources
 - Design for a Healthful Community
 - Phasing and Periodic Review
- Transit Villages (Light Rail)
 - Neighborhood Villages
 - Corridors (BRT)
 - Commercial Centers
 - Transit Hubs (BART, Caltrain)

San Jose 2040 – A City of Urban Villages



**Planned
Growth
Areas
Diagram**

What is an Urban Village?

An aerial photograph of San Jose, California, showing a dense urban landscape with various buildings, green spaces, and a multi-lane highway with traffic. The image is framed by a thick black border. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "SAN JOSE" in a large, bold, cyan-colored sans-serif font, split across two lines.

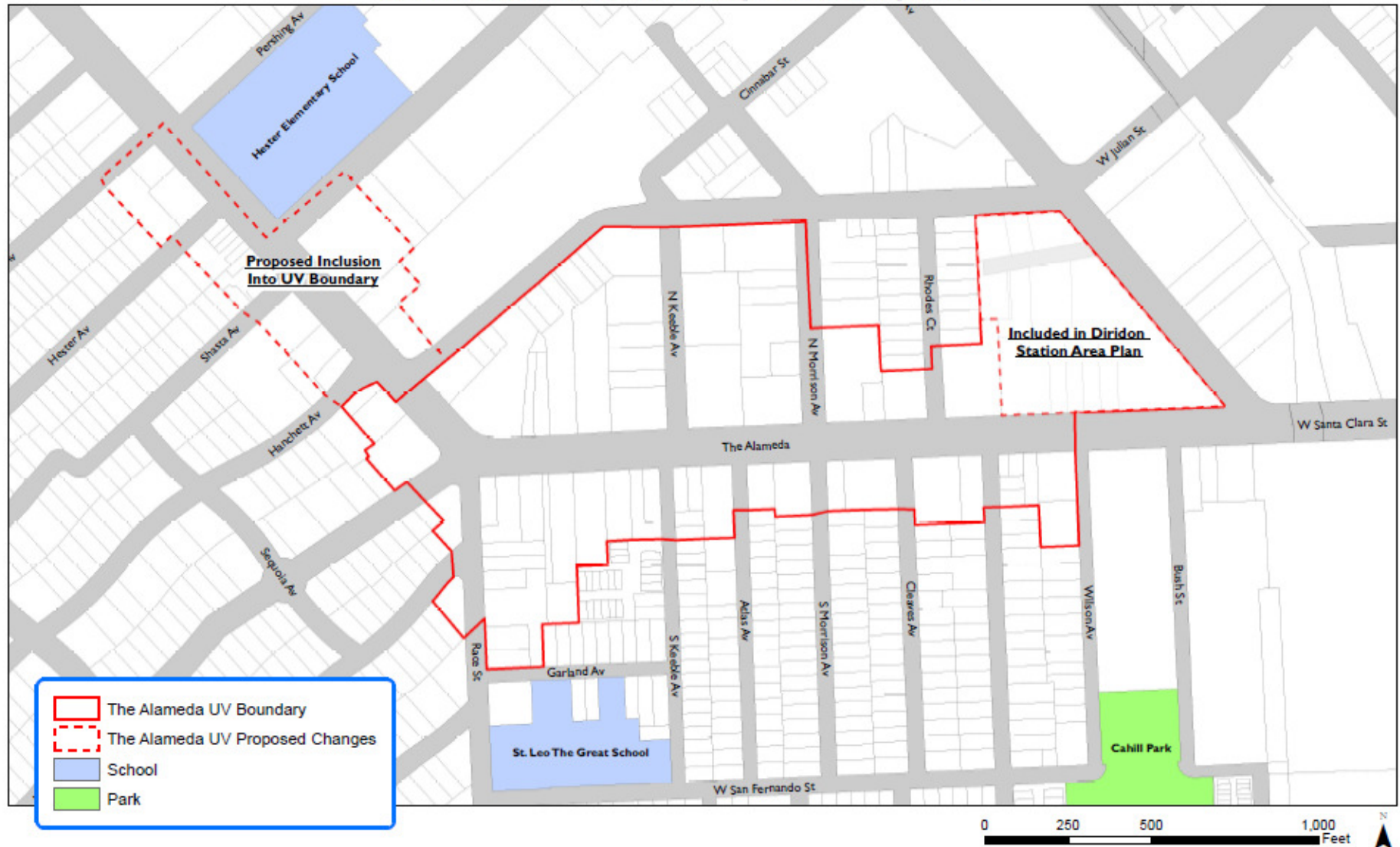
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Study Area

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The Alameda Urban Village Planning Area



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Workshop #1 Overview

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Meeting Overview:

- Identification of Assets and Opportunities
- Discussion on the future vision
- Discussion on Heights
- Lego Building Block Exercise – planning for the Village's assigned growth.

Workshop Summary:

- Expand the Urban Village boundary to reflect the extent of the Neighborhood Business District.
- Concentrate office and retail at the intersection of Race St. and The Alameda.
- Retain existing local businesses.
- Create a space for a Farmer's Markets.
- Provide a buffer zone between new multi-story development and adjacent single-family homes.
- Density and taller heights should be allowed mostly on the north side.
- Create a park at Race/Alameda as a central gathering location.



Purpose of Tonight's Workshop

Discuss and refine concepts on:

- Land Use
- Historic Preservation
- Urban Design
- Building Height
- Parking
- Parks, Plazas and Art

The Alameda Urban Village

Overarching Vision

Vision for The Alameda

A. Vibrant Business District

Enhance the existing diverse mix of thriving businesses on The Alameda that contribute to the quality of life for the surrounding community.



Vision for The Alameda

B. Attractive Public Gathering Spaces

Attractive public spaces create opportunities for social gathering, foster community spirit & encourage pride of place.



Vision for The Alameda

C. A Memorable, Great Place

The Alameda Urban Village Plan will build upon its existing unique identity to continue to be an active and memorable San Jose destination and a model for other Urban Villages in San Jose.



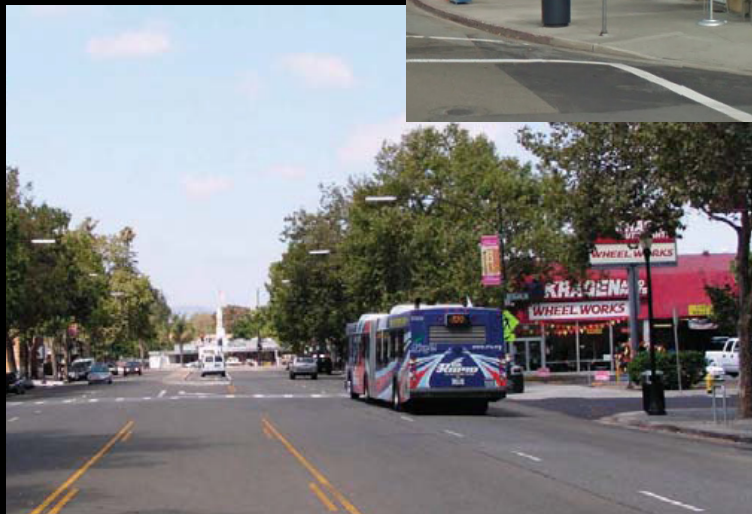
Urban Design Framework

Assets and Opportunities

Assets

Multi-Modal Connectivity

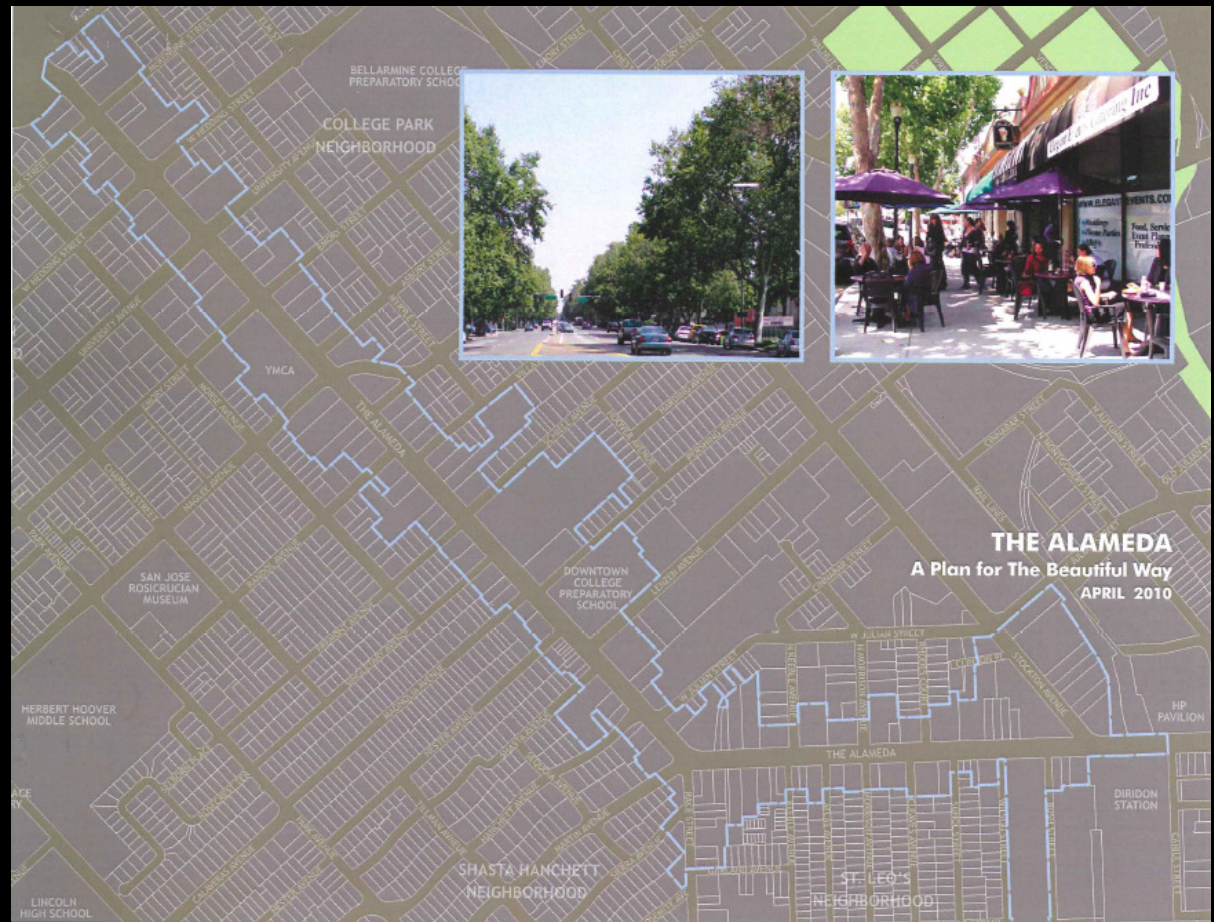
- Pedestrian Environment
- Connectivity
- Transit Options



The Alameda – A Plan for the Beautiful Way

Received \$3.9M MTC Grant Stockton Ave. to Fremont St. Project includes:

- Pedestrian crosswalks
- Bulb-outs
- ADA ramps
- Raised median with trees
- Pedestrian refuges
- Lighting
- Street repaving





A Wide Mix of Destinations and Uses



Well Established Neighborhoods



New Development Planned and Under Construction

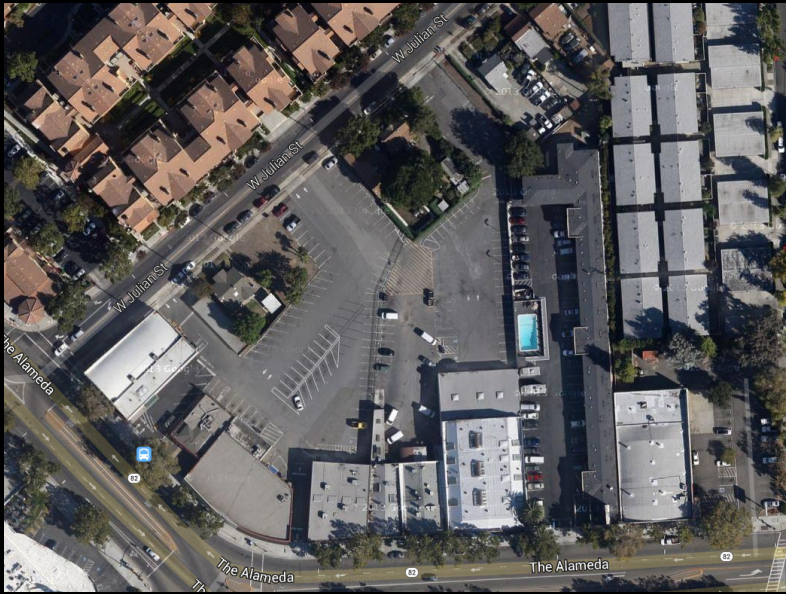


Character Elements



Opportunities

Opportunity Sites



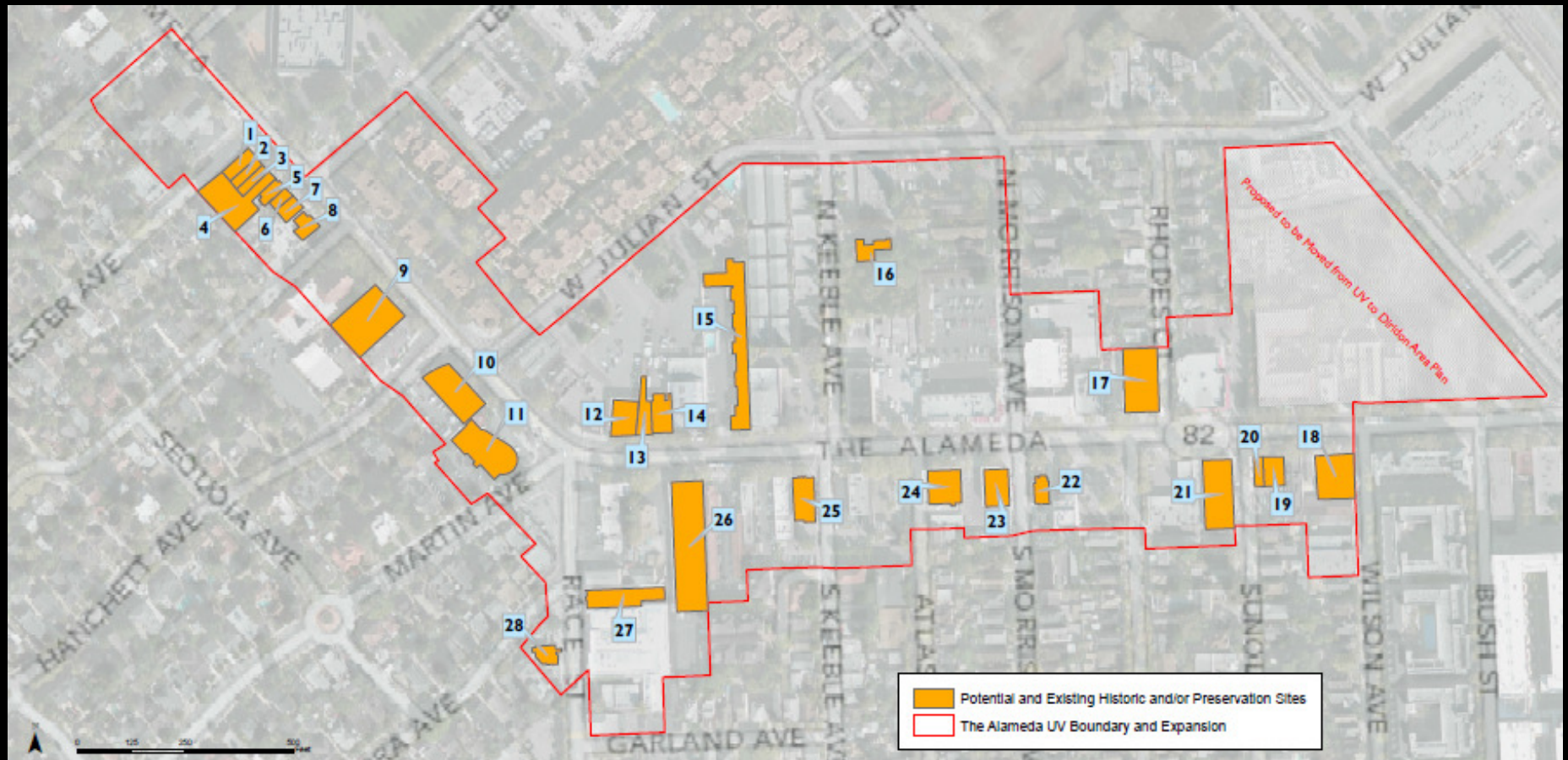
Opportunities for Public Spaces



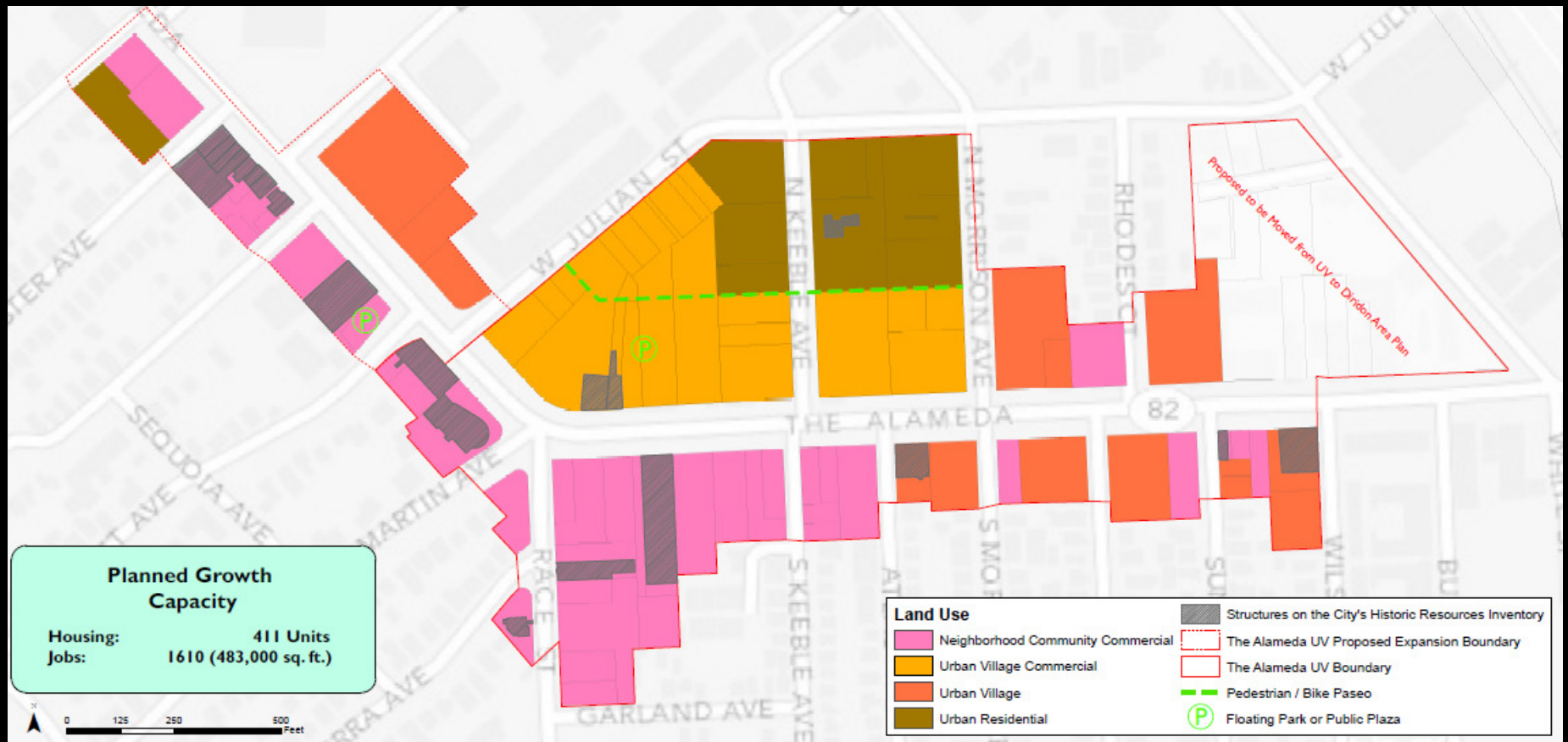
Land Use

Historic Preservation Sites

- Historic Preservation and the preservation of buildings with character.



Proposed Land Use Diagram



Urban Design Framework

Form and Character

Urban Design Principles

A vibrant and distinctive Urban Village will include:

- A well-defined public realm with consistent 'streetwalls'
- A robust and well-appointed public realm
- Parking integrated into site and building design
- 'Active' facades oriented to the street
- Responsive building heights & transitions
- Integration of the new with the unique and historic

Define and Activate the Public Realm



Define and Activate the Public Realm



Enhance & Humanize the Public Realm



Be Responsive to Surrounding Context



Integrate the Old with the New



Integrate Parking into the Design



Parks and Open Spaces

Preferred Concepts and Alternatives

Park and Recreation Goals:

- Add Parks to Overall Park Inventory
- Create Civic Place
- Foster Economic Development
- Safety through Design



City of San José

Greenprint 2009 Update

**for Parks,
Recreation Facilities
and Trails**

A Strategic Plan to 2020



Adopted by the San José City Council: 12 - 08 - 09

Central/Downtown Planning Area

Parks

- Regional
- Neighborhood
- Community Garden
- Tot Lot
- Historic
- Sports
- Dog Park
- Skate Parks
- Future/Potential Park Site

Non-City Parklands

- Open
- Future

- Community/Youth/Senior Centers

Urban Growth Boundary

Schools

- Public Schools (open to public)
- Public Schools Leased Properties (not open to public)

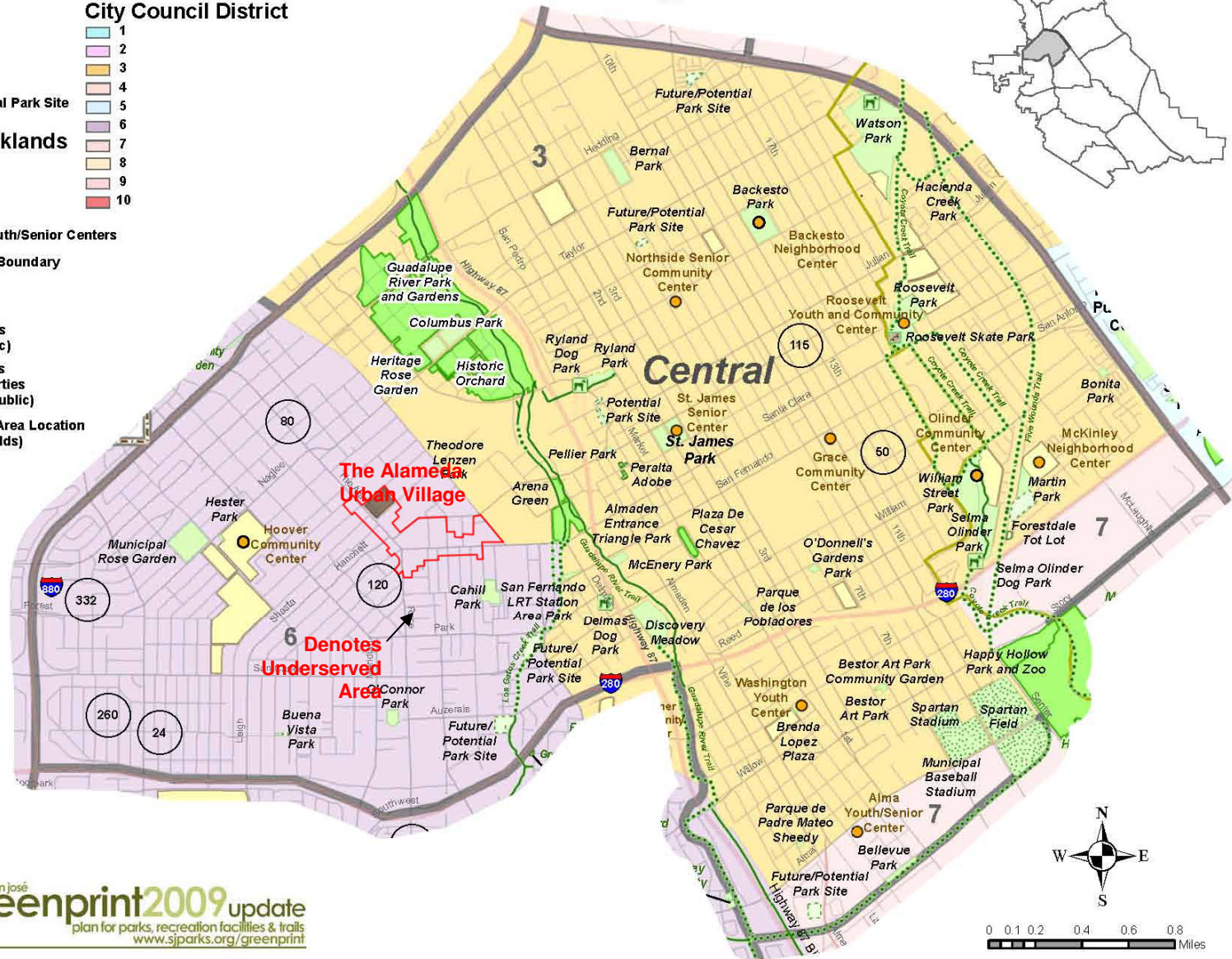
- Underserved Area Location (# of Households)

Trails

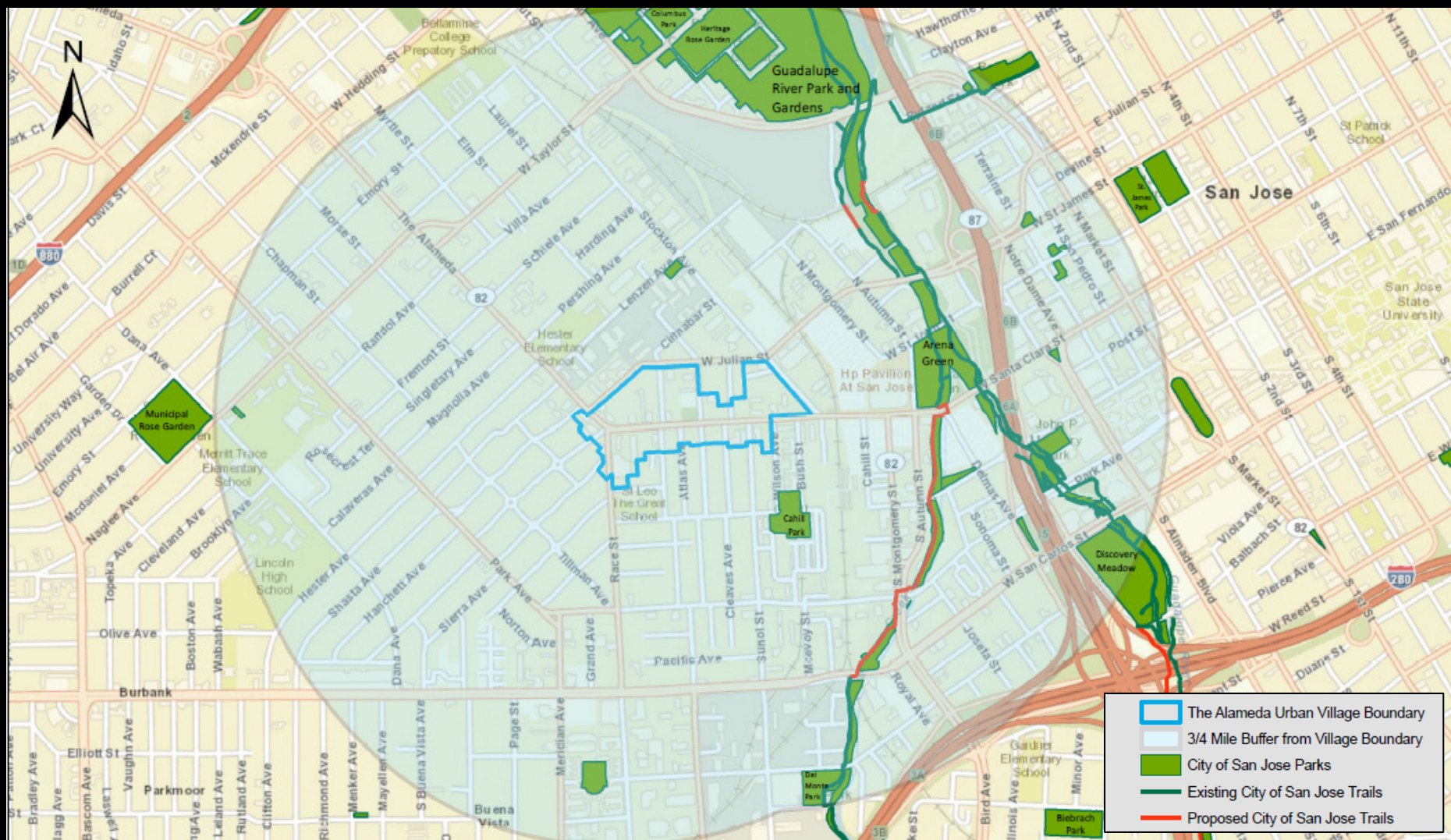
- Open
- Proposed
- County Trails
- Bay Area Ridge Trail

City Council District

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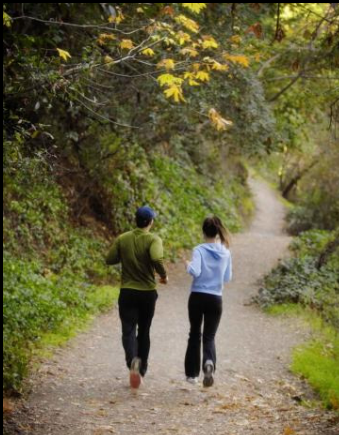


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greenprint2009 update
 plan for parks, recreation facilities & trails
www.sjparks.org/greenprint



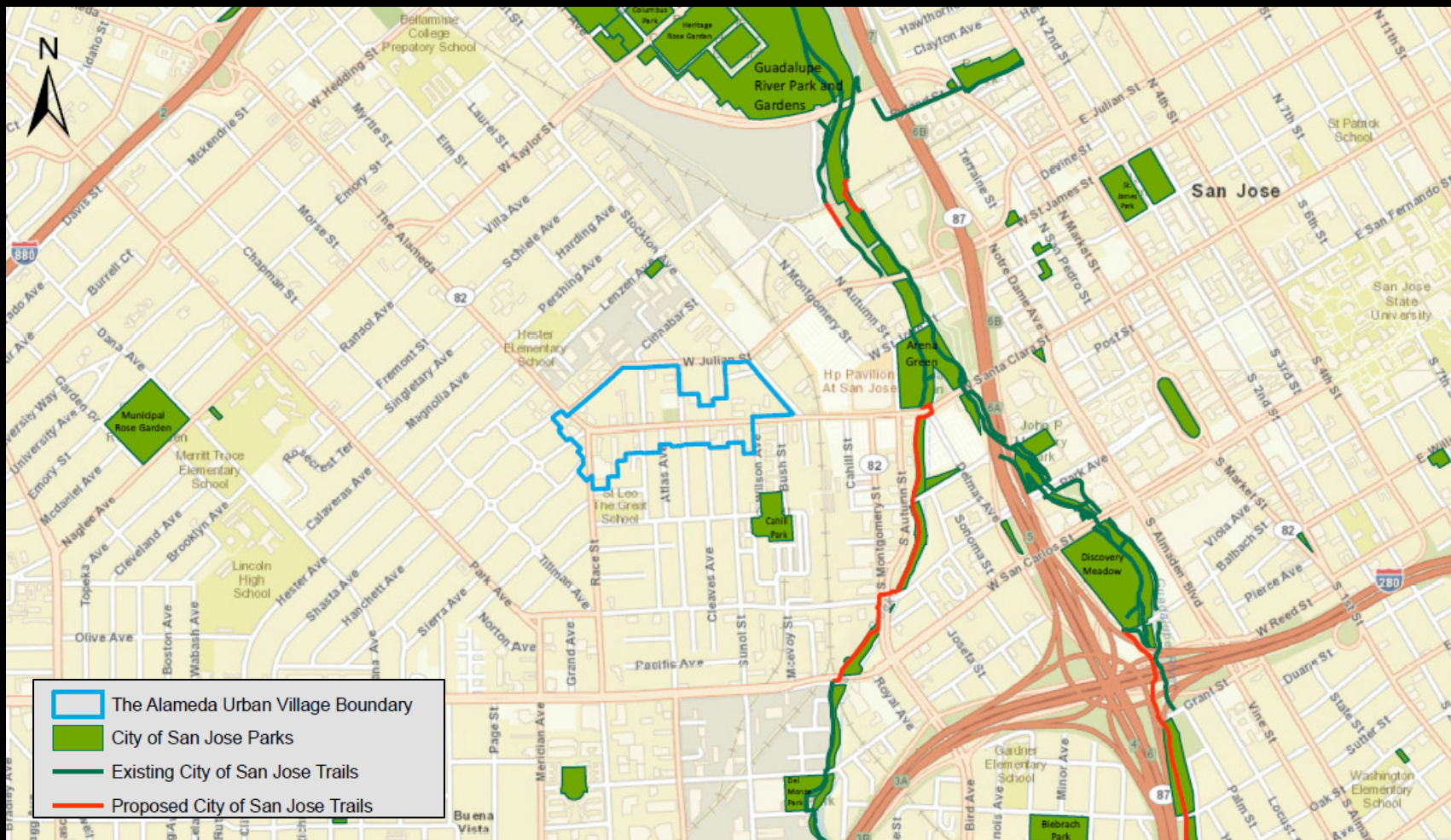
What Has Been Done...

- Cahill Park
- Arena Green
- Theodore Lenzen Park
- O'Connor Park
- Hester Park
- Municipal Rose Garden
- Los Gatos Creek Trail Reach 4
- Guadalupe Park and Trail



Proposed and Potential Projects

- Los Gatos Creek Trail (San Carlos St to Guadalupe River Park)
- Three Creeks Trail (Los Gatos Creek to Coyote Creek)
- Potential Urban Park at The Alameda and Hanchett Ave.



Ideas



Urban Parks & Urban Plazas



Funding Sources...

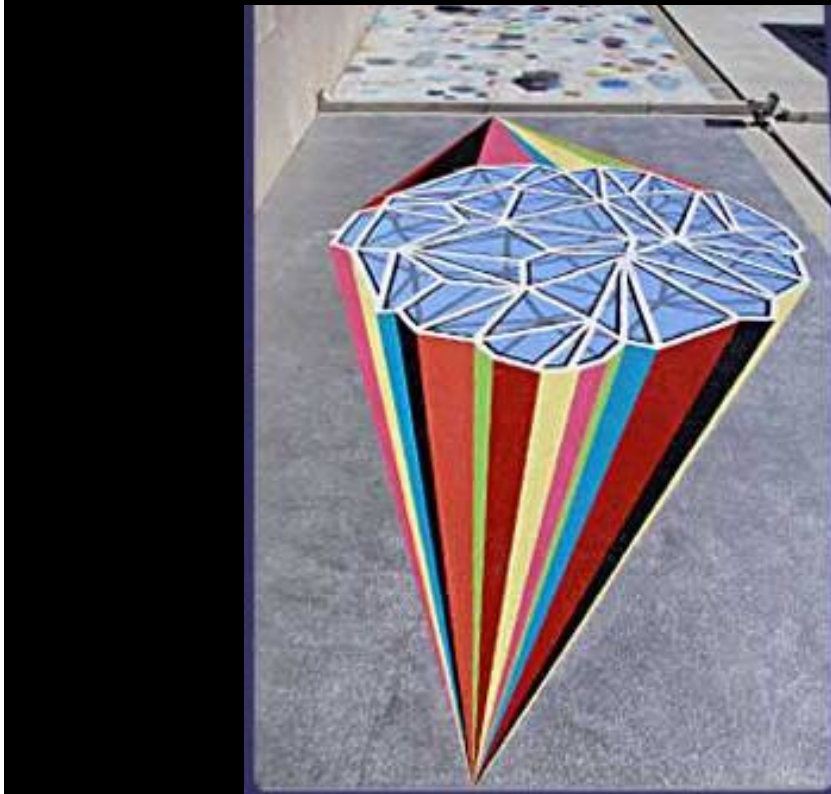
- Funding Sources Available
- Funding From Park Dedication Fees for Residential Development
- (Example: 1000 Planned Units x \$15,300=\$15.5 M)

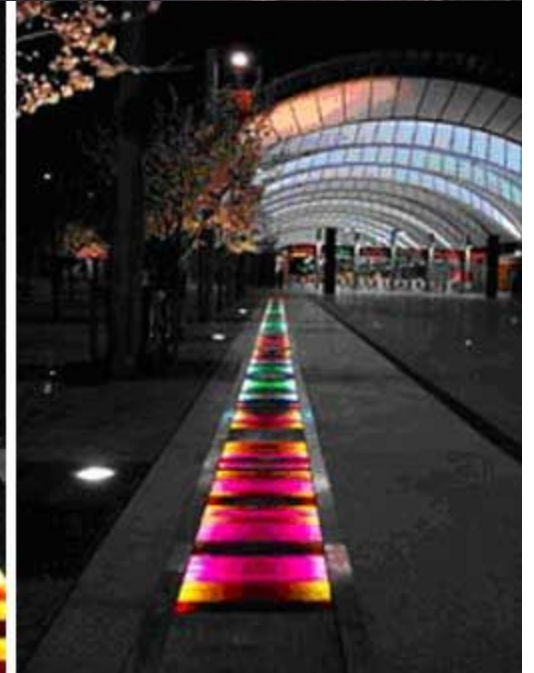
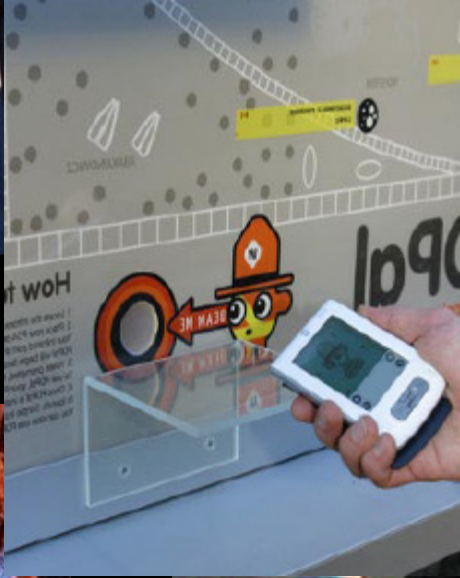


Public Art

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- Public art will play a catalytic role in creating a cohesive, vibrant visual character.
- Public art should be imagined at grand new scales.
- Public art projects should be commissioned in groupings and at a variety of scales.
- Public art should be meaningful.
- Public art should be accomplished through partnerships.
- Public art should reflect community interests and aspirations.





Funding Sources...

- Funding From Fees for Residential or Commercial Development.
- Maintenance critical to ongoing viability.





West San Carlos Urban Village

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Monday, September 23, 2013

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